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AMENDMENT

Sirs:

This is in response to the office action of 6/17/08

Please amend the above as follows:

REMARKS

Claims 33-38 are in the application under prosecution. The other claims 1-32 have been cancelled. Claim 33 has been amended to more clearly define the invention. Claim 36 was amended to correct a misspelling. Claim 38 has been amended to define positively the light source as comprising means for directing the excitation light. As amended these claims are now all allowable.

The claims now under prosecution appear in the appendix.

The claims 33-38 were both rejected under Sec. 102 over Ogino 5,422,712 and separately over Kauvar 6,492,125. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections especially in view of the amendments to the claim 33. As now presented these claims clearly distinguish over the rejection references Ogino and Kauver.

For example, the amendments include:

"spots or an array in a two dimensional manner"

"for irradiating excitation light simultaneously.."